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local government of today and tomorrow

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LG Professionals Australia will hold the Australasian Management Finals in conjunction with the National Congress

The carefully curated program will combine two of local government's most anticipated annual events in the one city, providing a fresh perspective on leadership, both within and beyond the local government sector.

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# Monday 22 May 2017



9.30 – 4.30	Study Tour - Community resilience, Kingborough Council, TAS
2:00 – 6:00	Congress registration desk opens
5:00 – 5:30	AGM

# Tuesday 23 May 2017

7:30 – 8:45	Women in Local Government Breakfast
8:30 – 5:00	Australasian Management Challenge finals at the old woolstore
9:00 – 9:30	Opening session
9:30 – 10:30	Opening keynote - Lt General David Morrison, AO
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote Research digest – Facilitated by Professor Mark Evans 10 min presentations by academics/experts on leadership focused topics, followed by Q&A. 'What does the evidence tell us about' : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Social cohesion</li> <li>· Trust building</li> </ul>
12:00 – 1:00	Engaging Citizens workshop

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12:00 – 1:00	<p>Breakout session</p> <p>From dealing with organisational complexities to meeting expectations of high performance and lightning-speed change, today's leader must deal with pressure on a daily basis. As a leader, how do you cope with the never-ending demands? Hear from professionals across local government with real life examples and practical tips to take back to your council.</p>
12:00 - 1:00	<p>Breakout session</p> <p>Best practice implementation - focused on culture/ leadership change</p> <p>For many organisations, preparedness for new strategies and change begins at the top and this means that leadership – across all levels – must have clarity in purpose and focus. There also needs to be alignment in strategic philosophy and goals. How do effective leaders get the 'buy in' from colleagues to ensure successful outcomes?</p> <p>Case study - Lars Wilms, Denmark</p>
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 2:30	Surprise Keynote
2:30 – 3:30	<p>Breakout session</p> <p>Our commercial partner/s will reflect on the links between risk management and effective leaderships. Balancing both can be tightrope act. Is it the leader's responsibility to manage risk effectively, or can a culture that is attuned to risk be cultivated?</p>
2:30 – 3:30	<p>Workshop</p> <p>Collaboration is the cornerstone of modern leadership. Rather than being 'in charge,' collaborative leaders blur the lines between 'boss' and 'worker' and focus on team building, creative thinking, and participation from all levels. How does technology fit into this?</p>
3:00 – 3:30	<p>Breakout session</p> <p>Leading in times of uncertainty</p> <p>Strategic Communications in a complex environment-communications is a key skill for leaders. Learn about communicating authentically with practical tips to take back to Council.</p> <p>Council case study - New Plymouth District Council</p>
3:30 – 4:00	Afternoon tea
4:00 – 5:00	Keynote - Holly Ransom

# Wednesday 24 May 2017



7:30 – 8:45	International Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Keynote - Andrew Lock
9:30 – 10:30	Breakout session Indigenous employment and leadership
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea
11:00 – 11:30	Breakout session Jurisdictional/mini COAG breakout session lead by our State Presidents. We'll take a deep dive into state issues on the back of the '100 Days in Office campaign'. What role has strong leadership played to address these issues? What else needs to be done? We'll also look at the top contributors to our online campaign Kate Davies, Lake Macquarie City Council David Evans, Maitland City Council Ken Gainger, Byron Shire Council
11:30 – 12:30	Breakout session National Awards Submissions – Community Engagement, Innovation, Leadership submissions from around the country.

# Wednesday 24 May 2017



11:30 – 12:30	Breakout session Leadership Trends Internationally - what we can learn from our international colleagues facing similar challenges
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 -2:00	Surprise activity
2:00 – 3:30	Breakout session In partnership with our technology partner. Local governments face emerging pressures to operate and perform functions beyond the traditional services related to 'rates, roads and rubbish'. Doing more with less usually adopting new technology and processes to move to the 'new world'; and it takes commitment and strong leadership to adapt to change. We'll look at council case studies from City of Greater Bendigo, Cumberland Shire Council, and Toowoomba Regional Council, to learn how the challenges and successes along the way to adapt to new ways of working.
2:00 – 3:30	Breakout session TBC
2:00 – 3:30	Australasian Management Challenge Final presentations
3:30 – 4:00	Afternoon tea
4:00 – 5:00	Closing Keynote session
6:45 – 7:30	President's Reception
7:30 – 11:30	Gala dinner Includes Presidential Handover, Federation Awards, Australasian Management Challenge Awards Winners